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RING SAW DRIVER AND RING-SAW-EQUIPPED CUTTER DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant requests consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for:

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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- [X] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - [X] the International Search Report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - [X] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 1 and 2,
 - [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

Also see the attached translation of the "Notification of Reason for Refusal."

5. [] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.
6. [] Statement Under 37 CFR 1.704(d)

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Respectfully submitted,

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